

**I. Update Item: 2013 Fall Turkey Season Update**

The Wildlife Division will present details on turkey harvest during the fall season.

**II. Update Item: 2013 - 2014 Deer Season**

The Wildlife Division will present details on the statewide deer harvest and harvest comparisons.

**III. Update Item: 2013 - 2014 Elk Season**

The Wildlife Division will present the results from the elk season and a status update on the Virginia elk trapping efforts.

**IV. Update Item: Bull Elk Ecology Study Update**

The Wildlife Division will present a preliminary update on the 3-year bull elk ecology study.

**V. Update Item: 2013 – 2014 Waterfowl Season Update**

The Wildlife Division will present an update on the recently completed waterfowl season.

**VI. Update Item: Sandhill Crane Hunting Season**

The Wildlife Division will provide an update on the sandhill crane hunting season.

**VII. Update Item: Whooping Crane Poaching Case**

The Wildlife Division will provide a status report on the Federal investigation regarding the whooping cranes that were poached in Kentucky in November 2013.

**VIII. Discussion Item: Bear Chase Season Recommendations**

**A) Purchase Requirements for Bear Chase Permits**

The Wildlife Division will discuss a recommendation to extend the timeframe to purchase Bear Chase Permits from July 1 – to the close of the bear quota hunt with dogs.

Justification: Since 2012, bear chase permits have been available for purchase from July through the close of the chase-only season (Aug 31).

The Wildlife Division would like to extend this period through the bear quota hunt with dogs to accomplish 2 goals:

- 1) Allow persons to buy a bear chase permit through September so they may apply for the December quota hunt with dogs; and
- 2) Enable youth the opportunity to buy a chase permit later in the year so that they may accompany houndsmen during the quota hunt with dogs in December.

**B) Bear Quota Hunt with Dogs Season Dates**

The Wildlife Division will discuss a recommendation to move the bear quota hunt with dogs forward one week from the existing (Mon-Fri) period around Christmas.

Justification: The Wildlife Division has received requests from houndsmen to move the 5-day dog season away from the week that spans Christmas in order to increase hunting opportunity. Currently, the overlap with the holiday season limits participation due to family and/or religious obligations associated with Christmas. The Wildlife Division has no objection to this change and proposes that the season be moved one week earlier to avoid this conflict.